

May the words and deeds of this place reflect an earnest desire for justice, and may men and women in government build on the tradition of equity and truth that represents the noblest heritage of our people.

May Your blessing, O God, be with us this day and every day to come, and may all we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COURTNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

FBI RECOMMENDATION NOT TO PROSECUTE

(Mr. FARENTHOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, today FBI Director James Comey announced his recommendation not to prosecute Hillary Clinton. I am extremely disappointed with this decision. In fact, Mr. Comey said that it was extremely careless of Secretary Clinton to store public emails and classified emails on her server. There were 110 messages in 52 chains that contained information that was classified at the time, 8 of which were top secret, 36 secret, and 8 confidential.

We really need to protect our national security. The FBI Director talked about the word "intentionally." Well, if this had been defense information, some of which it may have been, the statute only requires criminal liability to show the form of gross negligence. I think extremely careless comes to gross negligence, and I encourage the FBI and prosecutors to continue to look at this and do what is right.

We need people in government who are not extremely careless. We need people who are careful.

COMMONSENSE LEGISLATION TO DISARM HATE

(Mr. COURTNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the horrific events in Orlando on June 12, an extraordinary group of Americans have come together calling for commonsense gun control legislation. The Veterans Coalition for Common Sense was formed, again, within hours, and among its ranks are General David Petraeus; General Stanley McChrystal; Admiral Thad Allen, the retired commandant of the Coast Guard; and General Michael Hayden, former head of the Air Force. The list goes on and on.

And why?

General Pete Chiarelli, the former vice chief of staff of the Army, stated it very clearly: "I have seen firsthand what weapons of war can do. There is no reason we cannot close the loopholes that allow these killing machines to fall into the hands of criminals, those who are mentally ill or those who wish to do harm to innocent men, women and children."

The sit-in a couple of weeks ago was exactly about what General Chiarelli said, which is to pass the King-Thompson bills to close the loopholes and to require that people who are on the no-fly list cannot purchase weapons that go out and result in mass killings of far too many Americans.

We should listen to the people who wore the uniform of our country, those leaders who, again, protected and defended not only the Constitution but all of us, and listen to their message and pass the King-Thompson bills.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY TO DO SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, while massive terrorist acts are raging all around the world, in my district yesterday 3 people were shot and killed, one a 28-year-old father of 3. And just last week a mother shot dead her two daughters and was killed because she refused to put down a gun.

We have a moment in history—in the backdrop of the largest mass murder by guns by a bad person in Orlando, Florida, as we mourn—to be able to do something significant, Mr. Speaker, and that is to pass the Thompson-King bipartisan, commonsense, responsible gun legislation.

Let me tell you what is being offered on the floor. That bill that is being offered on the floor would not have prevented the Emanuel 9 because it allows individuals to go past, if you will, the checking because in the part of it that deals with terrorism in particular, you can ask or the prosecutors must prove that you belong on that terrorist list, and, therefore, you put a barrier to protecting the American people.

We need a no fly, no buy; on the terrorist list, you can't do it; and we need a longer period for law enforcement to check the background checks. We need to save lives.

OUR FAMILIES CANNOT AFFORD FOR US TO WAIT ANY LONGER

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to demand action to prevent gun violence. Nearly every year 30,000 Americans die from gun violence. The American Medical Association has defined the situation as a public health crisis. There are two immediate commonsense solutions: preventing known suspects who are terrorists from buying guns and strengthening our background system to keep guns away from criminals.

Everywhere I went in Minnesota last week, I heard from families who strongly support these commonsense ideas. An overwhelming majority of Americans support the ideas as well.

The American people deserve to know where their Representative stands, yet Republicans refuse to allow a vote on these solutions. Republican leadership instead is shamefully peddling a gun lobby-endorsed bill that even Republicans back home say doesn't do enough to prevent terrorists from having guns.

Our families cannot afford for us to wait any longer. We need to take action. The House must act to prevent gun violence and keep our families and communities safe.

RESPONSIBLE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the time has long passed for Congress to act to enact responsible gun safety legislation. Mr. Speaker, bring these two bills to the floor for a vote.

GIVE US A VOTE

(Mr. THOMPSON of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it has now been 3½ years since the horrific tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School. In the past 3½ years, a lot has happened. There have been 1,182 mass shootings in our country and 34,000-plus people have been killed by someone using a gun. The House has been in session for 526 legislative days, and we have held 30 moments of silence for victims of gun violence.

But what hasn't happened in the past 3½ years is a vote. That is shameful. The American people deserve a Congress that is willing to stand up to the gun lobby and do what it takes to keep our communities safe. There is bipartisan legislation that would prohibit those on the terrorist watch list from being able to purchase firearms legally in our country, and there is bipartisan